

**FRESH SEAFOOD IS HEALTHY AND INEXPENSIVE...
Savor Swordfish Kabobs, Stuffed Shrimp or Other Specials While
Enjoying a Relaxing View of the River...**

You must come with me on September 27, 2014!

Hi Amanda,

I know how much you enjoy walking, sight seeing and having a nice meal afterwards when you come to visit me here in Virginia. I'm writing to let you know that the Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show is scheduled for Saturday September 27, 2014. Most of the craft fair booths are lined up on Mill Street. Mill Street is named after the location of a historic flourmill. The gristmill is no longer there and has been replaced by the Mill House Museum, restaurants, antique shops and artisan shops.

The restaurant that I have in mind for dinner after we walk around historic Occoquan is located across the street from the visitor center on Mill Street. I know you will enjoy viewing the relaxing and quiet Occoquan River... in a town designated as a historic Virginia landmark in 1983... I guarantee that you will have a fun and enjoyable experience when you come with me to my special restaurant getaway.

Healthy Meals Served Indoors or Outdoors

After you walk through the entrance on Mill Street, a host or hostess will greet you at the entrance to the indoor dining area. He or she will ask you if you prefer to dine indoors or outdoors. Either peaceful waterfront view will help you to feel more relaxed and cheerful.

If you choose indoor dining, we will be seated at one of the brown tables next to a large window. Potted plants are suspended from the ceiling over the tables. Each table place setting consists of white folded linen napkins, plates, glasses and other eating utensils. Guests can sit in comfortable black chairs and watch the outdoor activity of the outside dining area, Riverwalk, boat dock and the Occoquan River through a large window. The dining area has a clean, fresh smell.

I hope that the day you come the weather will be nice outside and we can tell the host or hostess that we would prefer a table on the Topside Deck. Outside on the deck there is a row of marble top tables with blue umbrellas closest to the boat dock and other tables lined up behind under an overhang.

Wherever we are seated, we would have a nice view of the Occoquan River. The Occoquan name is derived from a Native American Dogue word for "at the end of the water." You could almost imagine what it might have been like at this site of the Occoquan Shipyard during the 1800s...

Tour boats and other boats pass between the restaurant and the tree-lined bank on the other side of the river. You can watch ducks and geese swimming in the tranquil water and ospreys flying over the river. Whispered conversation from other guests, guitar music and singing from the nearby outdoor Tiki bar and the swoosh of cars traveling across the overhead bridge on Route 123 are some of the other outdoor sounds you will hear.

When the waiter or waitress comes to take your order, you could choose from the suggested specials or off the main menu. You might like to try something new like the Swordfish Kabobs. Alternatively, you could pick something that you are more familiar with such as Pork Chop Marsala, Chicken Bryan, Stuffed Shrimp, Crab Cake Platter, Crab Crusted Salmon, Filet Mignon, Sautéed Scallops, Shrimp Scampi, Surf & Turf or Chicken Oscar. All entrees are served with a choice of seasoned wild rice, baked potato, garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed mixed vegetables or garlic mashed potatoes.

Eating fish and other seafood will improve the quality of your life by providing nutrients that will help you feel healthy, alert and satisfied. Recent studies demonstrate that fresh fish contains Omega-3 and Omega-6 fatty acids. These polyunsaturated acids have a number of heart-related health benefits including lowering cholesterol and the reduction of blood clots that could lead to strokes and cardiovascular disease. Omega-3 also reduces the risk of many types of cancers by 30 to 50 percent. The regular consumption of fresh seafood helps the body fight infection by improving the immune system.

I am certain that you will never forget the aroma and the taste of your chosen entrée. I know that I enjoy eating the fine and reasonably priced American fare with a heavy emphasis on seafood...The scenic river setting creates a unique atmosphere guaranteed to provide you with a relaxing, enjoyable evening meal.

Inexpensive Waterfront Dining

The seafood restaurant owners have an impressive display of magazine reviews and certificates along the wall of the staircase going up to the second floor of the building. An award winning reception area that can accommodate up to 140 people for wedding receptions, Christmas parties and other special events is located on the second floor.

Northern Virginia Magazine has listed this seafood restaurant in a tie for best alfresco dining in 2012 and in a list of 76 best restaurants for romantic dining. Lorin Drinkard reviewed the restaurant for the September 18, 2012 issue of Northern Virginia Magazine's Autumn Banquet and Facilities Guide.

The Washington Post included this seafood restaurant in a list of Washington D.C.'s best restaurants for month of August.

Certificates of appreciation and recognition are on display from a Department of the Army, Fort Belvoir Information Operations Command civilian group and from the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Jones, a Real Estate Agent with the Integrity Real Estate Group wrote a review of the seafood restaurant on August 13, 2008. Carla Christiano reviewed the restaurant for the September 2011 issue of Prince William Living.

The former Mayor of Occoquan Earnie Porta endorsed the seafood restaurant by stating, *“They have great prices and their food and wine are great.”* The restaurant helped launch former Mayor Porta’s book *“Occoquan (Images of America)”* published in 2010 by Arcadia Publishing.

Moosaki, Martinsburg, June 24, 2014 — *“This is a nice casual waterfront bareatery on the Occoquan River. It is a short walk up to the village and it is a very nice area on the river. Approachable by car or boat. The food was as good as were the drinks.”*

Mwombie848, Fairfax Station, Virginia, and August 2013 — *“This is a fun little restaurant, with outside seating, and is next to a bar that always has live music in the evening. The restaurant also has a great little event room that is really set up nice for special events. The service is usually good and the menu items are varied and good. They have excellent crab soup.”*

Buarrdjd, Pittsburg, April 2013 — *“When arriving at our hotel in Woodbridge, Virginia we asked the front desk for a recommendation for a restaurant with a nice ambiance and good food. Without hesitation they recommended the seafood restaurant.”*

William O., Ashburn, Virginia — *“Great views of the water. We sat on the deck. Fish and chips were on special and were great. Really like the chips. Also had crab cake appetizer it was very meaty and flavorful. Service was also very good.”*

Jenny B., Los Angeles, California — *“The restaurant is very clean and constantly being updated. The bar and restrooms were all brand new when I went for the wine dinner the other night. The staff is courteous, the prices are very reasonable and I can always count on a relaxing and enjoyable experience there. Highly recommend!”*

Let Me Know Your Answer Today

The Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show also known as “Occoquan Days” only occurs on one weekend in the fall. Saturday September 27 is the better day to walk around Occoquan and have dinner at the seafood restaurant. On this day, Occoquan has many tourists from out of town, so it will be crowded at the restaurant. We might have a long wait for a table without a reservation.

Please send an email message to me today letting me know that you can come. I will immediately make reservations at the seafood restaurant on September 27 at 6:00 pm once I have a positive email response from you that you can come with me on that day.

Since the entrees are reasonably priced ranging from around \$14 to \$23, I know you won't want to miss this special occasion.
See you soon,

Sarah

P.S. If you will purchase an entrée at the seafood restaurant, I will pay for your choice of beverage, appetizer and/or dessert.